

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 163

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO PRIORITY

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AMEMBASSY DAKAR PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY RABAT PRIORITY

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DEPT PASS OPIC, CAIRO PASS GRASBERG OF AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OTRA, EFIN, EINV, TS

SUBJECT: VISIT OF OPIC FINANCE OFFICER TREADWELL

REF: STATE 50450 (NOTAL), STATE 4752 (NOTAL)

TUNIS 1435 (NOTAL), TUNIS 1362 (NOTAL)

1. DATES PROPOSED FOR TUNIS VISIT BY OPIC FINANCE OFFICER BRIAN TREADWELL RAISE SUCH CONSIDERABLE PROBLEMS THAT WE DOUBT USEFUL VISIT COULD BE MADE IN THIS TIME FRAME. DURING WEEK OF MARCH 6-10: (A) BDET DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR BEN DEBBA WILL BE OUT OF TUNISIA; (B) ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER WILL BE FULLY OCCUPIED WITH ADVANCE WORK, WITH USDOC VISITITOR, FOR COMMERCE TECHNICAL SALES SEMINAR; AND , (C) SENIOR COMMERCIAL LOCAL WILL BE ON ANNUAL LEAVE.

2. EMBASSY ALREADY HAS SUGGESTED THAT TUNIS VISIT PROPOSED FOR GRASBERG AND MERRILL OF AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL BE DEFERRED FROM THIS TIME PERIOD TO COM-  
MENCE ON OR ABOUT MARCH 13.

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3. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME VISIT BY TREADWELL AND WOULD APPRECIATE HIS SEEKING TO RE-SECHEDULE FOR NOT LESS THAN TWO WORKDAYS DURING WEEK OF MARCH 20-24. (PERHAPS TUNIS COULD FOLLOW DAKAR VISIT.) EARLY REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED SO USAID CAN HANDLE TICKETING AND WE CAN COORDINATE WITH API AND OTHERS.

4. IN INTERIM, WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE REQUESTED  
TUNIS 1362 AS TO LEGISLATIVE STATUS OF OPIC. (WE HAVE  
INFORMED API OF PROPOSED VISIT. HOPE TREADWELL ON  
HIS ARRIVAL WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS WHAT FORMS  
OF COOPERATION OPIC LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO EXTEND TO  
PROPOSED NEW API NEW YORK OFFICE.)

5. FOR CAIRO: URGENT THAT WE HEAR FROM GRASBERG  
AND MERRILL OF ABC WHETHER THEY ARE ABLE TO RE-SCHEDULE  
FOR WEEK OF MARCH 13.  
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